

HUGE B-29 FORCE HITS JAP OIL

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The curtain is falling today on the European war. About the details of the performance, the dispatches tell us, is a series of sporadic outbursts of fighting by diehard nazis and the systematic processing of end-streams of German prisoners.

CROSS the world, on another stage, the curtain is rising. The LAST ACT of another war—the Jap war.

As to its length, we can guess. Of this much we are wholly certain: When the curtain finally goes down, it will be FINISHED, as nazis say, "is finished."

shall then face, along with our partners, the illimitable task of building a new world on the ruins of the old. Are we intellectually and morally equal to that task? We don't try to answer. No man can tell.

to the program of this last act, there are straws in the wind. Watching them, draw conclusions. Our hundred B-29s, carrying a load equal to 1000 Libers, go to work on Jap oil and storage facilities. We cut the Japs off already their stolen oil in the south, setting out now to destroy all they have at home.

know BY EXPERIENCE destroying her oil did to many.

Australians have taken the Tarakan island's big fields and are nearing the British have already back Burma's oil. Our now is to TAKE AND USE Dutch East Indies oil. The are already cut off from it, air only remaining job is to die in every hole and cave in a suicide effort to save US FROM it as long as possible.

GENERAL CHENNAULT says "WELL SUPPLIED troops can handle the most of the INTERIOR of China." Between the lines, he says: "We must land on the coast in order to supply Chinese."

General Somervell, chief of army supply service, adds: "getting in supplies (to the east) some help can be expected along the China coast." It means: Expect a landing in China.

GENERAL ARNOLD (U. S. air force chief) says: "The shift of air power from Europe to the GREAT that we do expect the Japs to be able to do up under the weight of bombs as well as the Ger- dide."

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WELING EXHIBITION
The public was invited to attend a bowling exhibition tonight at the Marine Club bowling alley, adjacent to the gymnasium, by Benkovic, nationally known bowler.

Colonel George Van Orden the program will start at 8 p. m. There will be no to Klamath citizens wishing to see Benkovic in

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Army Sets Up Point System; 85 Minimum Score For Release

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—The army today set up its point system for release of enlisted personnel in the wake of victory in Europe, temporarily fixing a minimum score of 85 points as a requisite for such discharges.

The points are to be figured on the basis of service credit, overseas duty, participation in combat, and parenthood. The 85 minimum points will be required for the discharge of ground, air, and service force enlisted personnel.

Men with this total will be considered eligible for release and will start moving next week for separation centers.

Separate critical scores for each of the services will be established in about six weeks.

About 1,300,000 men are to be released in the next 12 months under the point system.

Points System
The points for each of four factors for discharge are as follows:

Service credit—one point for each month of army service since September 16, 1940. This is the same as 12 points per year. (More than 15 days will be counted as a full month.)

Overseas credit—1 point for each month served overseas since September 16, 1940.

Combat credit—5 points for each award of combat decorations since September 16, 1940.

Parenthood credit—12 points for each child under 18 years up to a limit of three children.

Retention Possible
Those who attain the required score will be released unless military necessity dictates their retention until replacements can be obtained.

A temporary score of 44 points has been set for members of the women's army corps.

The combat credits are based on awards of the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers' Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart and Bronze Service Stars (battle participation stars).

Also Credited
Credit also will be given for the following naval decorations to army personnel: Navy Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy and Marine Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal and Purple Heart Medal.

In addition credit will be given for awards and decorations of a foreign country which may be accepted and worn under war department regulations in effect when this program went into operation.

The department said the method for releasing officers will be "tougher than the plan for enlisted personnel primarily because officers have received additional training, have heavier responsibilities and have developed specialized skills and leadership capacity."

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er and his gang of last ditch nazi fanatics held out until the destruction of Berlin was complete. Four bodies, blackened and charred, that seem to answer to Hitler's general appearance have been dragged out of the ruins. They have been measured and photographed for examination by experts. But the Russians are beginning to believe that no body that can be identified without any shadow of doubt as that of Adolf Hitler ever will be found now.

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Unconditional Surrender Signed



At SHAEF headquarters in Reims, Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl, German chief of staff under Goebbels, is shown signing the document under which the remaining forces of the German army are forced to lay down arms in unconditional surrender. —NEA telephoto.

Series Of Outbursts, Processing Of German Prisoners Sole Reminders Of War In Europe

21 COAL MINERS KILLED IN BLAST

SUNNYSIDE, Utah, May 10 (AP)—Twenty-one miners were killed when a roaring explosion sprayed flames and gas through the Utah Fuel company's No. 1 mine in this central Utah coal digging center.

Two others were missing and believed dead. Seven injured were taken to hospitals. Three escaped injury.

Search for Bodies
The blast let go yesterday at 3:15 p. m., and throughout last night and early today rescue workers wearing gas masks combed the workings three miles underground in search of bodies.

The blast sent shafts of flame down the tunnels, burning the (Continued on Page Two)

Esther Sevcik Arrives In U. S.

Mrs. Esther Bellant Sevcik, who has been held a prisoner of the Japanese at Santo Tomas prison at Manila since early in 1942, reached San Francisco Tuesday morning and advised her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellant, 4510 Peck, of her safe arrival.

Mrs. Sevcik's sister, Beatrice Bellant, left Tuesday night to meet her and they are expected to return here Sunday. Mrs. Sevcik returned to the States with a little girl whom she had cared for in the prison since the death of the child's parents at the hands of the Japanese. An aunt of the child met the two at Oakland. Mrs. Sevcik's husband and son also died in the Philippines.

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FLIGHT ALSO AIDS ATTACK ON OKINAWA

Ground Forces Fight Slowly South On Isle

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
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Superforts opened new leaks in Japan's disintegrating oil pipeline today. Waves from a record striking force of more than 400 B-29s bombed major aviation fuel manufacturing and storage centers.

The rest of the great flight of Superforts continued neutralizing raids on southern Japanese airdromes in support of the Okinawa invasion where Yanks have suffered 16,425 casualties.

Battle Southward
Four divisions of marines and infantrymen fought slowly southward on Okinawa over mud, pinnacled ridges and Nipponese pillboxes.

Far to the south in the southern Philippines, the 24th division invaded Samar island without opposition. Samar lies in Davao gulf of Mindanao island where other 24th units launched an offensive to wipe out Japanese trapped in a triangular area and relieve a battalion of Yanks cut off by an enemy counteroffensive.

Capture Api
Australians captured strategic Api hill in their drive toward Tarakan's second largest oil field off the Borneo coast. This is the initial campaign to reclaim oil-rich Pacific islands, major goal in Japan's 1942 conquests. Air and sea blockades have already made them as useless to Nippon as the Burma oil fields, recently retaken by the British.

Development of Dutch Indies and Burma oil wells and refineries becomes increasingly important for the allies with air and technical forces already moving from Europe's Mediterranean theater to the Pacific.

Need Stressed
Need for them was emphasized by Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, commander of the U. S. 14th air force in China, who indicated the combined efforts of the newly opened Burma-China oil pipeline, the Burma road and cargo plane flights over the hump aren't delivering enough to China.

The entire Japanese line threatening the 14th air force's Chihkiang base in western China crumbled yesterday before a powerful Chinese counteroffensive, Chungking announced.

Probabilities of an American landing on the China coast originally named as an objective by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz who has shifted his goal to Japan itself, were revived by both Chennault and Gen. Brehon Somervell. Chennault said well supplied Chinese troops could successfully handle the reconquest of the interior of China, implying that American help would be needed on the coast.

Discussing the unloading of supplies Somervell said some help "can be expected along the China coast."

V-E Dance Set At Barracks

The post gymnasium at the Marine Barracks will be the scene of a V-E dance on Friday, May 11, from 8 o'clock until midnight. Music will be furnished by the post orchestra, and a special prize of a war bond will be awarded during the evening.

USO Junior Hostesses will be on hand for the dance and men may invite their own guests if invitations are obtained from their first sergeants. Refreshments will be served.

In the future, two special bus runs will be made on dance nights for the convenience of married and single men who are escorting ladies. Buses leave 4th and Main at 8:15 and 9:15 from the bridge over the canal at the junction of Main and the Old Fort road at 8:30 and 9:30.

The special buses will leave from the armory at 7:45 and 8:45; from the northeast corner of 5th and Klamath at 8 o'clock and 9 o'clock; from Mills school on East Main at 8:15 and 9:15; from the bridge over the canal at the junction of Main and the Old Fort road at 8:30 and 9:30.

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